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1. SO FAR THIS MONTH THERE HAVE BEEN NO LESS THAN FIVE CHINESE DELEGATIONS VISITING ROMANIA: JOINT DELEGATION OF CHINESE-ROMANIAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION AND CHINESE PEOPLE'S FOREIGN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION LED BY VETERAN DIPLOMAT WANG PING-NAN; DELEGATION OF PARTY ACTIVISTS LED BY LI YI-MANG, ASSISTANT TO CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SECTION OF PCC; ECONOMIC DELEGATION LED BY WANG LI, ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF MACHINE BUILDING INDUSTRY; "GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC DELEGATION" LED BY MRS. CHENG MU-HUA, VICE PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS; AND "DELEGATION OF EXPERTS" LED BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF COAL INDUSTRY, CHIA HUI-SENG.

2. PCC DELEGATION (MARCH 31 - APRIL 9) INCLUDED YU KUANG-YUAN, VP OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND VP OF
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ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND CHIAO SHI, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SECTION OF PAROZ SECRETARIAT. THEIR ITINERARY INCLUDED SESSIONS AT RCP'S STEFAN GHEORGHIU ACADEMY, ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES, THE RCP CC INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND SOCIO-POLITICAL STUDIES, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES IN BUCHAREST AND

FOUR JUDETE.

3. ECONOMIC DELEGATION HEADED BY WANG LI WAS RECEIVED BY PARTY SECRETARY AND FIRST DEPUTY P.M. GHEORGHE OPREA AND BY WANG LI'S ROMANIAN COUNTERPART. ACTIVITIES OF OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN CHRONICLED ALMOST DAILY, BUT THERE WAS ONLY A SINGLE MENTION IN PRESS OF THIS DELEGATION, WHICH SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE HAS INSISTED INCLUDED A MILITARY COMPONENT.

4. MRS. CHENG MU-HUA ARRIVED BUCHAREST APRIL 12 ACCOMPANIED BY UE YU-MIN, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS; UAN LI, MINISTRY OF MACHINE BUILDING; AND BY "OTHER MANAGEMENT LEADERS, SPECIALISTS

AND EXPERTS FROM SEVERAL ECONOMIC FIELDS." ROMANIAN SIDE WAS HEADED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTERS OF FOREIGN TRADE, CTCNEL BURTICA. ACCORDING TO SCINTEIA, OFFICIAL TALKS--WHICH CONTINUED THROUGH APRIL 19--WERE ORGANIZED AROUND WAYS AND MEANS TO INTENSIFY AND DIVERSIFY EXISTING ECONOMIC COOPERATION, TRADE, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

5. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT AT DINNER HOSTED BY BURTICA, THE ROMANIAN GUESTS INCLUDED PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF ROMANIA'S NUCLEAR ENERGY TEAM--ION URSU, CHAIRMAN, CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND CORNEL MIHULECEA, PRESIDENT OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY. OTHER ROMANIAN OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN TALKS INCLUDED MINISTERS OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, LIGHT INDUSTRY AND METALLURGY. SOVIET ATTACHE INSISTS THIS DELEGATION INCLUDED "NUCLEAR COMPONENT."

6. EXPERTS DELEGATION--WHICH ARRIVED APRIL 14, HAS ALSO BEEN MENTIONED ONLY ONCE IN PRESS AND IS APPARENTLY STILL HERE--WAS RECEIVED BY OTHER FIRST DEPUTY P.M. ILIE VERDET AND BY MINISTER OF ELECTRIC POWER, TRANDAFIR COCIRLA. PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT STATED AS "FURTHERANCE OF DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS...ESPECIALLY IMPROVED DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL, ENERGY AND METALLURGICAL RESOURCES."

7. COMMENT: ALL OF THIS ACTIVITY MAY BE VIEWED AS PART OF PREPARATION FOR CEAUSESCU VISIT TO PEKING IN MID-MAY. THE FACT THAT THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT IS SIMULTANEOUSLY INVOLVED IN OR PREPARING FOR STATE VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA MUST GIVE THE SOVIETS SOME CONCERN. IT APPEARS MRS. CHENG'S STAY WAS TIMED TO OVERLAP PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S RETURN FROM U.S., FOR SHE WAS RECEIVED APRIL 20 BY HIM, TO WHOM SHE

CONVEYED WARMEST GREETINGS FROM CHAIRMAN HUA AND, BY NAME
(WE BELIEVE IN STROKE ORDER), ALL THE VICE PREMIERS. IN
ADDITION TO THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CEAUSESCU
VISITS TO U.S. AND
CHINA, THERE ARE LEGITIMATE AND IMPOR,

TANT ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS WHICH REQUIRE ATTENTION FROM
TIME TO TIME. AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT, ROMANIA IS CHINA'S
FOURTH LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND CLEARLY THE ROMANIANS
ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING EVEN LARGER EXPORTERS TO CHINA,
JUST AS THEY ARE BENT ON DOUBLING TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN
THE U.S. AND ROMANIA IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

8. BURTICA'S ABSENCE FROM CEAUSESCU'S PARTY IN THE
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STATES IS APPARENTLY EXPLAINED BY HIS INVOLVEMENT
IN THE HIGH-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINESE TRADING PARTNERS
HERE.

9. ISSUE OF LUMEA APPEARING APRIL 20 CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH
WANG LI, IN WHICH HE STATES HIS DELEGATION SPENT 29 DAYS
ON EXTENSIVE TOUR OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND WITNESSED
THE "CHARMING" RESULTS OF SINO-ROMANIAN COOPERATION AND
FRIENDSHIP "BASED ON THEIR ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND ANTI-HEGEMONIC
FIGHT FOR THE NOBLE CAUSE OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION."
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